Part II.

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I continued to remain in my lying-down posture, like a dead log of wood* even after the men that brought me to the boat, had left. The Doctor feeling my pulse came to the conclu-sion s that my condition was very serious indeed and administered a dose of brandy, inspite of all my efforts not to take it, 'forcing open my mouth and making me swallow the liquid at a gulp. It made me laugh almost, to notice the Doctor's ill-boding apprehensions and how restless he felt for. fear if anything untoward should happen to me on the way, while he was in charge of my person. 1 knew that he had absolutely no grounds for fear, from what he had thought was the condition of my pulse.

Mine has been a peculiar pulse ever since I was bom and had frightened many a doctor before, in days gone by. The very submerged condi-tion of the radial artery, made it throb so feebly and imperceptibly, that the doctors, whenever thev came to see me during any illness, how-